



## TO-DAY'S WEATHER

Unsettled and rather cold, with occasional rain. Sleet or snow locally, especially on high ground.  
London and the South.—Rain, sleet or snow locally. Rather cold. Mainly cloudy.



## WEEK-END FORECAST

Unsettled. Rather cold in most districts.  
Sea Passages.—Wind and sea moderate. Irish Sea rough.  
Airways.—Cloudy.  
Light-up.—6.7 p.m.



# 4 PEOPLE DEAD IN SOHO FLAT FIRE THIS MORNING

## Woman Falls Back Into Flames

FOUR people were burnt to death in a fire in a block of flats over a millinery shop at the corner of Peter-street and Berwick-street, Soho, early to-day.

One woman was shouting for help at a top floor window and fell back into the flames just as the firemen ran up the escape.

Another woman jumped from a second floor window on to the pavement and was severely injured.

Mr. Charles Short, who lives near by, said: "It was terrible to see the people trapped. The woman who jumped from the window seems to have burst through as glass came clattering down with her. When I went to the scene flames were shooting from the flat windows and people were crying for help."

The outbreak, which appears to have begun on the first floor, spread so rapidly that the tenants' escape was cut off.

A woman neighbour said:—"Other tenants in the floors above came to the windows and shouted frantically for help. Firemen ran up an escape and succeeded in bringing down some women."

One fireman seemed to collapse through the intense heat and the smoke.

Owing to the charred condition of the bodies it was impossible to establish identification.

One of the firemen said that the interior of the building was like an inferno.

"Two of our men," he said, "had to be assisted out of the building. We worked in respirators."



### HIS NEWS TO MOTHER

East Coast fisherman releasing a carrier pigeon from his ship at sea, and (left) his mother ashore taking the message from the pigeon's leg. By means of a number of such pigeons she is kept, even in bad weather, in touch with her son while he is away on duty.



## Operation on Countess Barbara

SIX doctors last night were at the bedside of Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow, formerly Miss Barbara Hutton, the twenty-three-year-old heiress to the £8,000,000 Woolworth estate. Earlier she had undergone an operation following the birth of her son last Monday at her Hyde Park-gardens mansion. "Considerable anxiety" was last night's report.

News of the Countess's illness was revealed yesterday.

Lord Horder, the King's physician, visited her three times, remaining for an hour on each occasion. Late last night he arrived with three other doctors, and was met at the house by the Countess's physician and Dr. Lane Roberts, who has been attending the child. The baby is doing well.

Mrs. Hutton spent all last night with her daughter, and the Count kept vigil day and night by his wife's bedside.

### Twice Married

Shortly after Lord Horder's last visit Mr. Hutton, the Countess's father, called and remained until a late hour.

Development of abdominal symptoms of an obstructive nature had necessitated the operation.

The Countess has been married twice.

## NEW ZEPP MAY FLY OVER BRITAIN

GERMANY'S "Grand Hotel of the Air," the great new Zeppelin LZ 129, to be named the Hindenburg, is likely to fly over Britain in the course of her trials next month.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, the famous Zeppelin pilot, told me this yesterday (writes Barker's correspondent at Friedrichshafen), during a tour of the airship.

"We have not yet asked permission to take the airship over England, but I have no doubt this could be obtained," said Dr. Eckener.

"I know that I have many friends in Britain who are interested in the airship, and I should very much like, if it is at all possible, to give them a chance of seeing the new vessel during one of the trials before she begins her regular services."

The giant Zepp will take the air for the first time next Tuesday or Wednesday.

### LATEST NEWS FLATS FIRE VICTIMS

(See this page.)  
Names of two victims believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Cohen. Another is thought to be a little boy. The only survivor of people in the flat is the woman who jumped.

### HITLER SAYS

## : "BEWARE OF RUSSIA"

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and Poland has been proclaimed an act of diplomatic juggling on my part.

"In certain quarters the accord between Germany and Poland has been interpreted as an act of diplomatic virtuosity on my part."

"It is a compliment but it does not please me because I am not entitled to it."

"It was simply that the tension between Germany and Poland could not continue any longer. It was harmful and distressing; it was only logical that I should try to put an end to it. I have been successful and all the German people have felt relief."

"Now I want to accomplish the same relief in regard to France. It is not good that nations should use up their mental powers in fruitless hatred."

I raised a hand and the Leader ceased. "But," I said, "if we read with satisfaction your pacific declarations, nevertheless, we are still anxious because other signs are not so encouraging."

"I want to call your notice to 'Mein Kampf' (Hitler's famous book, 'My Struggle')."

"This book is looked upon all through Germany as a political bible. It circulates without author's corrections to what you said in it."

"It is being republished again and again without even one slight revision of anything you have originally said."

The Leader eyed me calmly. His reply came quickly... but quietly... very earnestly.

"I was in prison when I wrote that book," he said. "The streets were being patrolled. It was a moment of the greatest tension between France and Germany. I was on the side of my country, as I had been for four and a half years in the trenches."

"I would despise myself if I were not a German before everything when a conflict occurs. To-day there is no further reason for conflict."

"You want me to make some corrections in my book like an author who is preparing a new edition of his works? But I am not an author. I am a political man."

"My justification? My foreign policy shows

### "PROVE IT!"

"PROVE IT!" is France's reply to Hitler's offer of friendship.

To Hitler's plea that "My Struggle" was written in prison during the occupation of the Ruhr, the retort is that the last chapter, in which the author urges the annihilation of France, was written after Hitler's release from gaol and the evacuation of the Ruhr.

it every day. It aims to establish friendship with France and Britain.

"If I succeed in bringing a Franco-German understanding, as I want to, that will be a justification worthy of myself."

"MY JUSTIFICATION—I SHALL WRITE IT IN THE GREAT BOOK OF HISTORY."

Hitler then went on, in a thoughtful tone of voice:—

"It is very strange to see in England and in France, people who still think a German aggression possible."

"Do you read our newspapers? Don't you see that they systematically refrain from any attack against France, and that they refer to France in friendly terms?"

### "France Should Reflect . . ."

"Listen! You understand the logical difficulty of a good understanding between France and Germany."

"You will recognize readily that there is something reasonable and human in it, and that I want to succeed at all costs in bringing the understanding about, and that it must be maintained regardless of who may be at the head of the Government in future."

This last sentence made me start in surprise. Dictators do not, as a rule, like to speak of their possible successors. Hitler read my face again. Smiled at me.

Again he had read my thoughts.

"Does one know how long one lives?" he asked.

His face—that expressive face that reflects

light and shade more than any face I have seen before—clouded and saddened.

"You are anxious for a Franco-German understanding," he said. "Don't you think that the Franco-Soviet pact will compromise this understanding?"

"My personal efforts towards such an understanding will always be forthcoming. It may be that this more than deplorable pact may necessarily create in the political field a new situation."

"LET THE FRENCH GIVE GREAT THOUGHT TO WHAT THEY ARE DOING. THEY ARE ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE DRAGGED IN THE DIPLOMATIC GAME OF A FOREIGN POWER WHICH IS ONLY SEEKING TO BRING AMONG THE NATIONS OF EUROPE A DISORDER FROM WHICH SHE ALONE WILL REAP ADVANTAGE."

"We must not lose sight of the fact that Soviet Russia is a political factor, having at its disposal a faith in revolutions and armaments on a gigantic scale."

"As a German it is my duty to take such a situation into consideration. Bolshevism has no chance of being successful among the Germans, but there are other great nations who are not so well protected against the Bolshevik virus."

"France would do well to reflect seriously on the offers of agreement made to her. Never before has any German leader made such proposals—and so often repeated."

"From whom do these offers come? From pacifist charlatans whose speciality is international relations? Not at all!"

"On the contrary, they come from the strongest Nationalist that Germany has ever had at her head."

"I HAVE BEHIND ME WHAT NO ONE ELSE HAS EVER HAD BEHIND HIM—NINETY PER CENT. OF THE GERMAN NATION WHO FOLLOW ME IMPLICITLY. IT IS A GERMANY OF WHOM NINETENTHS HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN ITS HEAD, AND SAY THROUGH HIM, 'LET'S BE FRIENDS.'"

Thus, on this note, ended the *Daily Mirror's* exclusive interview with Herr Hitler at the moment when Europe is again moving in nervous anxiety through political and diplomatic turmoil.